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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

REMARKS

Applicants are submitting herewith a Response to the Notice of Allowability issued on July 26, 2005 regarding the above-referenced patent application. The Notice of Allowability indicates that the allowed claims are 1-4, 6, 9, 11 and 16-21; and further does not indicate an acknowledgement that the foreign priority claim was made. Applicants believe that this is incorrect and have discussed this matter with the examiner of record, namely, Examiner Sanjiv D. Shah.

Based on these discussions, it is Applicants understanding that the Examiner has agreed to submit a Supplemental Notice of Allowability that indicates changes to correct the identification of allowed claims and further to indicate that the foreign priority claim has been made where copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in the national stage application from the International Bureau. Regarding the allowed claims, this should include claims 1-4, 6-9, 11 and 16-21 as provided in Applicants' response submitted on July 15, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that all of the allowable claims be identified in the patent once issued with respect to the present application and further that the foreign priority claim be identified on the face of said issued patent.

If the Patent Office should have any questions regarding this response, Applicants kindly request that the undersigned attorney of record be contacted directly regarding same.

Respectfully submitted,

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